Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, and one out of every five individuals will experience a stroke in his/her lifetime but two out of three will survive their stroke; and,

WHEREAS, Over seventy percent of stroke survivors live with some degree of physical, cognitive or neurological disability for an average of five to seven years; and,

WHEREAS, The incidence of stroke doubles in each successive decade for persons over age fifty-five, the fastest growing segment of our population; and,

WHEREAS, The losses associated with stroke stress the entire family and other areas of community life; and,

WHEREAS, Stroke groups and rehabilitation services improve quality of life and can save billions of dollars annually in health care and associated costs; and,

WHEREAS, Increased public awareness of the opportunities and benefits to stroke survivors and their families from improved services will continue the honorable South Dakota tradition of caring for its citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1989 as

STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fourth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE